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AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

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1. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 08-223409; published August 30, 1996.
2. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 62-088071; published April 22, 1987.
3. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 01-169683; published July 4, 1989.
4. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 07-212583; published November 11, 1995.
5. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 07-245709; published September 19, 1995.
6. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 07-030772; published January 31, 1995.
7. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 06-284281; published October 7, 1994.
8. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 01-302962; published December 6, 1989.

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9. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 04-367161; published December 18, 1992.
10. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 06-178111; published June 24, 1994.
11. Patent Abstract of Japan; Patent No. 10-063239; published March 6, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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